



Position Title: Farm Store Volunteer

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Liberty Prairie is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Grayslake, Illinois. **Our mission** is to build skills and pathways toward land, human, and local economic health. Liberty Prairie manages Prairie Crossing Conservation Farm, a 94 acre annual, perennial, and natural land area within the Prairie Crossing community.

Liberty Prairie Farm Store opened November 11, 2023. The daily operations of the store take place from 9-5pm, Wednesday-Sunday. Through a robust Volunteer Program, we can increase access to our Farm Store, having volunteers staffing the store, spreading awareness, and enabling staff to broaden their impact.

At this time, we are in a stage of building and connecting, and we appreciate our community's patience while we create a formalized Volunteer Program. We are still formulating our expectations for the level of commitment required of Farm Store Volunteers. For the purposes of training (2-3 week process), we expect individuals to invest about 2-4 hours weekly. With your help, the Liberty Prairie Farm Store will take shape as a local hub for the midwestern foodshed. The newly created Volunteer Program will allow Liberty Prairie staff to grow the organization, while prioritizing getting the store off the ground. Other types of volunteer roles will be made available in 2024.

Essential Qualities

To be successful in this role, a volunteer candidate should be detail-oriented and communicative while also being dependable. Flexibility and a positive attitude to adapt to changing needs and priorities is essential. Willingness to help and engage with customers while maintaining a friendly disposition is equally important. A demonstrated passion for local food, agricultural/environmental education, and community development preferred.

Benefits

All volunteers receive 5% off in the store. Volunteers may also be granted access to the Community Room, free of charge.

Prospective volunteers should submit an application on the [Liberty Prairie website](#). Please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Penny Burke (penny@libertyprairie.org) if you have any questions!